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The University of Maryland is the State university and the "Land-Grant" institution of Maryland.

The present University of Maryland is the result of the merger of the former privately owned University of Maryland located in Baltimore with the former Maryland State College at College Park. The former University of Maryland was founded in 1807 as the College of Medicine of Maryland. In 1812, it enlarged its curriculum and changed its name to the University of Maryland. Subsequently, it added faculties of law (1823), dentistry (1882), nursing (1889), and pharmacy (1904). The Maryland State College was founded in 1856 as the Maryland Agricultural College, a private institution at College Park, and became the beneficiary of the Land-Grant Act of 1862. In 1914, the State assumed complete control of the school and in 1916 the Legislature granted it a new charter, which renamed the school the Maryland State College. The General Assembly consolidated the University of Maryland and the Maryland State College in 1920 and gave the name University of Maryland to the new institution.

The University is under the administration of a Board of Regents consisting of eleven members appointed by the Governor for nine-year terms. The Board appoints the President of the University, who also serves as chief administrative officer of the Board. The Board of Regents, within the limits prescribed by law, may issue revenue bonds to finance the building of dormitories and other student housing facilities, student union buildings (at College Park and Baltimore), and a combination physical education and auditorium building. The Regents are to issue such bonds directly. The payments of the principal and interest of the bonds are to be met from revenue realized from the use of the buildings (Code 1951, Art. 77, secs. 241-51).

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